Mr. Sadler,
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IN
The Vindication of
Mr. R. Cranmer
Of *London* Merchant:
AND
CONFUTATION,
Of the Abominable Vntruths, and Falshoods, of ANTHONY SADLER of *Mitcham*, Clark; Contained in a Letter and Petition Directed to the Right Reverend Father in God *George*, Lord Bishop of *Winchester*; and afterwards Published to the world in Print.

By a True Lover of Truth and Justice.

Quos vult perdere Jupiter
prius dementat.

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Mr. *SADLER*, Sadled,

In the Vindication of

Mr. *Robert Cranmer* of *London*, Merch^t. &c.

FOr our more Orderly Proceeding in this buſineſs, we will take theſe Steps.

1. You ſhall know how *Anthony Sadler*, came to be Vicar of *Mitcham*, and when.

2. You ſhall know Mr. *Cranmers* Carriage and Converſation towards him.

3. You ſhall underſtand *Anthony Sadlers* Demeanor towards Mr. *Cranmer*, and divers others of the beſt of his Pariſhoners.

4. And laſtly, You ſhall underſtand the Neceſſity and Juſtice of Mr. *Cranmers* Proceedings againſt *Anthony Sadler* for his removal, for the Future Settlement of the Peace and Quiet of that Town and Pariſh of *Mitcham*.

For the Firſt, You muſt know, that about the Year of our Lord, 1660. This *Anthony Sadler* being very Poor, but well ſtockt with Wife and Children, went up and down a Birding for a Spiritual Benefice, or Living; Some that knew *Anthony Sadler*, requeſted Mr. *Cranmer*, the rightfull Patron of that Vicarage, to let him Preach at *Mitcham*, in order to his ſettlement in that Place, in caſe his Preaching was approved of. *Anthony Sadler* did accordingly Preach there an Approbation Sermon, which well pleaſed Mr. *Cranmer*, and the Reſt of the Pariſh; but it being told him that it was but a ſmall ſubſiſtance, worth not above 40l. *per annum*, the Vicarage houſe much out of Repairs, and that it had not been Inhabited by divers of his Predeceſſors before him for many years. *Anthony Sadler* replyed, *He would willingly accept it withall Faults, and bleſſe God and his Patron for it*: Whereupon the Patron Mr. *Cranmer*, did freely Preſent him to the then Lord Biſhop of *Winton*, Biſhop of the Dioceſs; And *Anthony Sadler* was Inſtituted and Inducted accordingly. And thus began the name and Relation between them of Patron and Vicar.

2. For the Patrons carriage towards him and his after this, the Patron thought he had not done enough by this publick proviſion of maintenance for him, and his; but Invited him daily to his own houſe and Table, where *Anthony Sadler* was as it were Commoner, and had the freedome to come when he

he pleaſed: Provided him Wood, Coale, and other neceſſaries for him at his own Charge; Sends him Cordials and other Phyſick in times of ſickneſs, Commends him, and his, to the Love and Reſpects of his Neighbours; At their weekly Neighbourly meetings; the Vicar was a conſtant invited Gueſt among them, where he had many times Meat, Drink, and Money; and as a farther Teſtimony of the Patrons and Pariſhoners care of him, they had conſulted to Rebuild the Vicarage houſe at their own coſt and charges; for that purpoſe the one ſubſcribes a Contribution of Bricks, another of Timber, a third of Money, and were putting the ſame in Execution; but then comes next to be conſidered the ſaid *Anthony Sadler*, his Carriage towards the Patron, and Pariſhoners, which diverted theſe good intentions, and ſo leads you to the third Step.

3. As ſoon as *Anthony Sadler* had heard that there was Forty Pounds, or ſome ſuch like Sum of Moneys ſubſcribed, towards the Repairing and Rebuilding of the Vicarage houſe; He goes to ſome Evil Counſel, (as *Anthony Sadler* himſelf hath ſince Confeſt,) who adviſe him, *To furniſh his Houſe with the Money, and to Commence a Suite in the* Prerogative Court *againſt his Patron, Mr.* Cranmer, *for* Dilapidations. This advice pleaſing his Hot and Heady Temper and Diſpoſition, he preſently puts in Execution. Cites his Patron into the Court of *Arches*, and there Libels againſt him for *Dilapidations*, con-

trary to all preſidents of former times, that a Vicar ſhould Sue his Patron for *Dilapidations*, who had ſo freely preſented him to the Vicarage, and did confidently perſwade himſelf of Victory in this cauſe; When this was noys'd abroad, the Chief of the Pariſh adviſed the ſaid *Anthony Sadler* to deſiſt from this unjuſt Proſecution of his Patron, who had deſerved much better at his hands; but as a man Obdurated and Hardned, he ſtops his ear to their Advice; Breaks all Correſpondency with his Patron; Reviles him, and Vigouroufly Proſecutes his Suite in the *Arches* againſt him; Which the chief of the Pariſh obſerving, they e-ſtrange themſelves from the ſaid *Anthony Sadler*, and do adhear to Mr. *Cranmer*, who by the general Voage was the Suffering Party, and had received the Wrong; *Anthony Sadler* hereupon is no more an Invited Gueſt to their Tables; And they have no more to do with him, then to hear him in the Pulpit; Where *Anthony Sadler* Acts his Part moſt Rarely, as you will perceive by the enſuing Diſcourſe; Preaching up himſelf in theſe Words, *I was, and am for the Liturgie of the Church of* England: *You were, and are for the* Covenant; *I was, and am for the Government of the Church of* England; *Your were, and are for Presbytery*; and ſo runs on in a very unprofitable diſcourſe, Extolling himſelf, and Reproaching his Pariſhoners. But you ſhall ſee by his Practiſe, what a Dutiful Son of the Church he is; It was obſerved by ſome Perſons who had been at *Mitcham* but three Sundays, that two of thoſe days, *Anthony Sadler* Read Prayers without

without a Surplice, and frequently Baptizeth Children without it, and Preacht in his Cloak, both forenoon and after-noon; oftentimes neglects the Duty of his Place, four or five Sundays together: Some Sundays when the Bells have Assembled the People, his Maid is sent to the Clark to Dismiss them; either becauſe it is Cold Weather, and the Vicar loves his Bed well, or elſe he is ſtragling Abroad, where he is not to be found. Upon the laſt *Anniverſary* day the Thirtieth of *January*, Appointed by Act of Parliament for our Solemn Humiliation, for the Murther of our late KING of Bleſſed Memory, there is by the Church ſet Prayers appointed for that Occaſion, yet there was neither Praying nor Preaching that day at *Mitcham*, by this *Dutiful Son of the Church* Anthony Sadler: When *Anthony Sadler* is in the Church, he more obſerves the Behaviour and cariage of his Parishoners, then his Text, and ſquares his Matter more to his own Jangling humour, then to the Edification and Profit of his People. And yet they muſt come to Hear him too, elſe to the Bishops Court he goes, Preſents them, and troubles them with *Citations*, Witneſs Mr. *Cranmer* his Patron, whom he Proſecuted to an Excommunication for not coming to *Mitcham* Church, when the Gentleman is uſually at his houſe in *LONDON*, upon thoſe days; if any chance but once to ſit with his Hatt on, though he be at that time indiſpoſed in Health, yet he ſhall taſte of the ſame ſauce, Witneſs Sr. *William Green* of *Mitcham* Baronet, who for ſuch an Offence, *Anthony Sadler*

Sadler cauſed to be cited into the Biſhops Court, by the Name and Stile of *William Green* Brewer of *Weſtminſter*; *Edward Brigſtock* one of the Church-Wardens of the Pariſh of *Mitcham*, this *Anthony Sadler* Preſented, becauſe he would not Preſent what and whom he pleaſed; and cauſed the ſaid *Edward Brigſtock* to be Excommunicated thereupon; upon the Week days You ſhall finde this *Anthony Sadler* in the Ale-houſe Drinking, and Wantonly Diſcourſing of Women beyond all Bounds of Civility, or Railing againſt his Patron, or Enticing poor People to Subſcribe their Hands, or ſet their Marks to ſome ſtuff that *Anthony Sadler* hath prepared and drawn up before hand againſt his Patron; or telling ſtrange ſtories of himſelf of his Sufferings, and of his Learned Works, in which Diſcourſe muſt be brought in by Head and Shoulders, the *Inquiſitio Anglicana*, which *Anthony Sadler* calls his, though many have affirmed that it was not his, but made at a Club of Divines, and that *Anthony Sadler* being the Boldeſt and moſt Confidenteſt of them, did firſt Adventure to Print it.

Thus you ſee how Arrogantly *Anthony Sadler* Imps his Wings with other Mens Feathers, and has not the Ingenuity of the Prophet to ſay, *Alas it was borrowed*; We need not mention his frequent Swearing by the Name and Attributes of God, his Drunkenneſs, and other of his Perſonal Vices, which declare him not to be a Moral Man; and which are atteſted under the Hands of divers of the Inhabitants. His familiar Converſing with the Baſeſt and Meaneſt

neſt of the people; If you will view him in his Acts of Juſtice, we will cite you but one, that is, *Hemings* his Caſe, to whom *Anthony Sadler* was indebted for a horſe, and gave the ſaid *Hemings* Bond for the Mony. *Hemings* being in much want, came to *Mitcham* to *Anthony Sadler* to deſire his Mony, *Anthony Sadler* denyed that he owed him any thing (though the Mony had been many years due) but ſends for a Martials Man, and in a great pretended Action Arreſts *Hemings*, who for want of Bayle was carried to the Marſhalſey, and there deteined for the ſpace of Eighteen Months, till the poor man was almoſt deſtroyed with Vermin; and unleſs *Hemings* would releaſe the Debt, *Sadler* would not diſcharge his pretended Action. And thus you have a taſte of *Anthony Sadlers* Demeanor at home and abroad, in the Pulpit and out of it, to his Patron and Pariſhioners, and to a Stranger: *Ex Ungue Leonem.*

Now we are come in the Fourth and laſt place, To ſet forth Mr. *Cranmers* Proceedings againſt *Anthony Sadler*, the matter of Fact was thus:

Mr. *Cranmer*, Sir *William Green*, the Church-wardens, and divers others of the Pariſhioners of *Mitcham*, being upon the Information of *Anthony Sadler*, cited to appear before Sir *Mundyford Bramſtone* in *November* laſt, in the Court held in St. *Mary Overyers* Church, they did appear accordingly. At which Court was alſo *Anthony Sadler*, with his Procter *Richardſon*, who took upon him moſt Impudently and Falſly before the Judge, to affirm that Mr. *Cran-*

ner was an Excommunicated Perſon; which Sentence is of ſo high a Nature, that it Excludes a man from the benefit of Gods Ordnances, and from the benefit of the Laws of the Land, from the Burial of a Chriſtian, if he dyes without Repealing it; which did very highly provoke Mr. *Cranmer*, to hear ſuch a matter in the face of the Court of Juſtice, and in Gods houſe, and before his Neighbours and Country-men, ſo falſly and ſcandalouſly objected againſt him. Whereupon Mr. *Cranmer* who had hitherto onely acted the defenſive part, upon good advice, did now become Plantiff, and entered an Action againſt this *Richardſon* in the Borough Court in *Southwark* for the Scandal, and another againſt *Anthony Sadler* for his unjuſt and malicious Proſecution, upon which Actions they were both Arreſted; *Richardſon* puts in Bayl, and ſo had his Liberty; *Anthony Sadler* could finde no Bayl, and ſo was kept in Cuſtody; Mr. *Cranmer* with Mr. *Hooker* the day following, went to the Priſon where *Anthony Sadler* was in Cuſtody, and ſends for *Anthony Sadler*, where after ſome choller ſpent on both ſides, the Patron and the Vicar came to ſome quiet terms, and could drink to, and pledge each other; and *Anthony Sadlers* fury was much abaited, and began not onely to confeſs his former wrongs done to his Patron, but to have ſome kinde of ſorrow and remorſe for the ſame, and Mr. *Hooker* obſerving ſome eaſineſs of Temper in the Patron to remit and forgive; though it is ſomwhat preternatural in him to forget: thought it a fit time to ſtrike a peace betwixt them, for this purpoſe, propo-

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ſeth *Anthony Sadler* his Relinquiſhing of the Vicarage, as the means of their Reconciliation; *Anthony Sadler* conſented to it, and the Patron accepts it; but ſaid Mr. *Sadler*, Sir, *I cannot do it preſently: I owe Mony and have contracted ſome debts upon me, by the long and chargable Suite I had with you in the Arches, and therefore pray let me have the benefit of the* Eaſter *book before I go*; Moreover (ſaid *Anthony Sadler*) *my wife is with Childe, and I cannot with any conveniency remove my Family till ſhe be delivered, which will be about* Eaſter, ſaid the Vicar; Pray ſet your day, (ſaid the Patron) when you will leave the Vicarage, & give me ſecurity for your Performance, and all is ended. Said *Anthony Sadler*, Sir, *I will give you my Bond of* 500l. *to leave the Vicarage of* Mitcham, *and the Town too, by the* 10. *of* April *next, which will be in the Year of our Lord*, 1665. but ſaid Mr. *Hooker*, will you give a Warrant of Attorney to confeſs a Judgment upon the Bond, as of the next Term of St. *Hillary*. The Vicar replied, *I will willingly and freely do it*; upon this the Bond and Warrant of Attorney were drawn, and afterwards ſhewed to the Vicar, who in the preſence of Mr. *Hooker* and divers other perſons, did ſoberly and deliberately Sign, Seal, and deliver the ſame as his ſeveral Acts & Deeds unto the Patron, and for his uſe. After this the Patron withdraws his Action againſt him and ſets him at Liberty; The Vicar very much pleaſed with this Agreement, goes the day following to his Cure, and on Munday following returns to *London*, brings his Preſentation with him, and in the preſence and hearing of divers perſons delivers

up his Presentation to his Patron, Congratulates Mr. *Hooker* as the blessed Instrument of peace betwixt them, lays the load of all his former miscariages upon his Evil Counsel; professeth a great deal of hearty love and affection to his Patron, prays for him in publick, and for his Wife, and Family in very Pathetical expressions; gives God thanks in a neighbour Church upon the Lords day, for this work of peace wrought between his Patron and himself.

Preaches a Sermon upon this Text, *How happy and how pleasant a thing it is, for Brethren to agree together in Unity*; and makes the *Union* between Him, his Patron, and Parishioners to be the Subject of his Discourse; and incites the whole Congregation to Prayers and Thanksgivings for the same. And in like manner, the Patron, he takes all occasions to expresse his love to the Vicar, and restores him by his mediation and example to the former respects of his Neighbours and Parishioners, to whose Tables he was again invited after a long estrangment; and they began to be again as well open handed as open hearted unto him: But what use doth *Anthony Sadler* make of all this? he is lifted up with these kindnesses and respects shewed him; and his Jealousies and Apprehensions not being quite extinguisht, they take Life and Head again; he repairs to his own evil Counselors (one *Thomas Witherden* Cammel-keeper of *Mitcham* being the chief of them) and they hunt together like *Bell* and the *Dragon*, after all occasions to traduce *Mr. Cranmer*; and gather up all loose reports, let them come from any foul mouth whatsoever

ever, and how mean and inconſiderable ſoever the perſons be, that are the Authors, it matters not, and with theſe they Stigmatize him as Treacherous, Barbarous, and Oppreſſive, both to the Right Reverend Biſhop of that Dioceſs, and to the World in Print, in that lying Legend of his, ſtiled *Strange News from* Mitcham *in* Surry; wherein he makes the Churches Juriſdiction, and Diſcipline, and the Churches Free-hold, and his Preaching up the Regal Authority, and Mr. *Cranmers* Injury and Diſobedience to all, to be the ground of his Law-Suite and Preſentments; but this man muſt needs be reckoned a ſtout Champion and firm Aſſerter of the Churches Rights; when, under his own hand directed to his Procter *Richardſon*, he gives him order to withdraw the Cauſe, and to ſtop all further proceedings upon the Preſentments; And gives Mr. *Cranmer* his Bond for the payment of Thirty Pounds for coſts of Suite for his unjuſt Proſecution; This is that well known Miniſter *Anthony Sadler*, who in his Petition to the Reverend Biſhop atteſts Mr. *Cranmer* to be a publique Oppreſſor and notorious in Oppreſſion, and why? Becauſe when he had been in law two years and a half with his Patron about Dilapidations, and had there unjuſtly oppreſt him, (as appears by his withdrawing the Cauſe and giving Bond for Coſts, and becauſe he was in perſon to proſecute his unjuſt Preſentments in the Biſhops Court againſt his Patron, which afterwards he withdrew) his Patron arreſted him there; as if for M. *Cranmers* legally and by due courſe of Law to ſeek his remedy againſt *Anthony Sadler* for the damage he hath ſuſtained by him, were to oppreſs *Anthony Sadler*; and if *Anthony Sadler* had not taken that opportunity in

Priſon, to make his Attonement with his Patron, by ſecuring him that he would leave the Vicarage, at the time prefixed. It is to be believ'd that *Anthony Sadler* had long ere this, at the Tryal of that Action been convinced, that he himſelf was the Greateſt and moſt Notorious in Oppreſſion. That *Anthony Sadler* was caſt into Priſon and lay there a day and a night, was not his Patrons fault, but his own, for if he had put in Bayl, his perſon would have been preſently diſcharged, and he needed not to have entered the priſon door, nor have been kept one houre from his Family and Study; but that which is the moſt Stupendious untruth in the whole pack, is that Mr. *Cranmer* his Common Lawyer ſhould cauſe *Anthony Sadler* to Subſcribe and Seal a Blank paper, or papers, which paper or papers Mr. *Cranmer* and his Common-Lawyer, report to be a Judgment and a Warrant for the payment of 500l. to Mr. *Cranmer*; And thus he would perſwade the world that he was conſulted againſt, impriſoned, and complotted to be ruined; the truth of the matter of Fact, you have heard before; the penalty in the Bond was indeed 500l. but conditioned, that if *Anthony Sadler* ſhould deliver up his Preſentation by ſuch a day, and reſign the Vicarage into the hands of the Biſhop, that ſo his Patron might freely preſent another Perſon, and ſhould alſo by the 10th. of *April* next, remove his Wife and Family out of the Pariſh, then the Bond to be void; *A. Sadler* is both able to write and read, and knew what he did, before he delivered it; the other paper was a Warrant of Attorney to confeſſe a Judgment upon the ſame bond, which *A. Sadler* did Sign, Seal, and Deliver in the preſence of very many perſons. Yet this well known Miniſter

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hath the Impudence to affirm to the world, that to his best remembrance they were Blank papers; the world may well think that *Anthony Sadler* hath lain in bed so long this cold Winter, that he hath forgotten what he did Engage to perform by the 10th. of *April* next; and now being awakened and finding the day approaching, he would willingly cast off all his Engagments, by calling them Blank Papers; or else does implore Episcopal assistance to enforce that, which is against the Laws of the Land; (for so is his expres word in his pretended letter to the Bishop, *(that his Lordship would send for Mr.* Cranmer *and enforce*, (indeed the next word is *(Equity,)* but the meaning is, *his Security from Mr.* Cranmer; And if that will not do, then comes the Petition directed to the same Right Reverend Bishop, *to implore his Favour to have Mr.* Cranmers *Security*, (which he calls *Papers) to be produced before the King and His Council*; It is a sign that this *Anthony Sadler* is distracted or quite mad, to think that the King and His Council have no more to do, then to minde his pitiful stories and wranglings with his Patron & Parishioners. But all this while we do but contend with a shadow; For he declares that his *Letter and Petition* were directed *To the Lord Bishop of* Winchester, but does not affirm that he sent either; and it is believed that he durst not for fear that he should be disowned for a *Son of the True Church*, being so unlike his Mother, both in speech and carriage, or at least censured for a disobedient Son, in not obeying his Mothers commands, and unlike his Brothers in those qualifications set down by the Apostle St. *Paul* to *Timothy*; *That they should be blameless, sober, of good behaviour, not given to wine, patient, no brawler nor novice, nor lifted up with pride*; That Mr. *Cranmer* should

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be injurious to the Churches Freehold, is inconsistent with his own interest, having purchased the presentation in Fee, and is the real Patron of that Vicarage, and called Patron, because it is his duty to defend the Churches Right, and as well his Interest as his Duty; Now to injury the Churches Freehold, is to make Mr. *Cranmer* a *Felo de se*, which no man in his wits can well imagine, that Mr. *Cranmer* should be disobedient to the *Churches Discipline*, is as little imaginable, when in the worst of times he presented very able and orthodox Divines, and such as were most conformable to the Discipline of the Church, to the Vicarage of *Mitcham*, witness Dr. *Sandiland*, and Mr. *Welden*; and not only favoured such most in his Judgment, but was most charitably disposed to the destressed and sequestred Clergy, yearly distributing large portions amongst them; as is very well known to some Persons now of great Eminency in the Church; which is not mentioned by way of vain glory, but to take off those aspersions cast upon him by *Anthony Sadler*.

To conclude, by which hath been already alledged, it would be thought *Strange News indeed*, or *News with a Witness*, and a wonder to the World, that there should be at *Mitcham*, one *Anthony Sadler*, that stiles himself the Vicar of *Mitcham*, and a *Dutiful Son of the Church of* England, that doth neglect his Ministerial Office, and disobeys the Churches commands, disturbing the peace and quiet of his Parishioners, and by his evil and bad conversation is most likely to corrupt the people to the dishonour of Religion, to the reproach of the Ministry, to the contempt of the Discipline of the Church of *England*, and yet to be so bold, as to appeal to the Learned and Right Reverend Bishop of that Diocess for his [illegible] and Protection.

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